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SUBJ: ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. RC DELEGATION, CARDOSO BACK FROM ANGOLA: PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ANGOLA, GENERAL SILVA CARDOSO, AND THE THREE-MAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL FACT-FINDING MISSION OF ADM. ROSA COUTINHO, GEN. CARLOS FABIAO, AND MAJ. CANTO E CASTRO RETURNED TO LISBON MORNING OF AUGUST 4. THE FOUR MET AGAIN THAT AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE ANGOLAN POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION.

2. CARDOSO BITTER: FOLLOWING THE MEETING, CARDOSO MADE A BITTER STATEMENT TO THE PRESS DISTILLING HIS EXPERIENCE AS HIGH UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSIONER, A JOB WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS THE "PERHAPS"

NOBLE MISSION OF REPRESENTING PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY. HE STATED, INTER ALIA: "I'VE LOST MY FAITH IN MAN, ESPECIALLY IN POLITICIANS, AND I'M TIRED OF LIES, OF FALSE PROMISES, AND OF HYPOCRITICAL ATTITUDES. I RETURN TIRED OF SEEING MISERY, OF SEEING HATE, OF SEEING DESPERATION. I RETURN TIRED OF EGOISM, OF CRUELTY, AND OF EXCESSIVE AMBITION." HE DID NOT MENTION WHETHER HE WOULD RETURN TO ANGOLA.

3. COUTINHO IDENTIFIES "ENEMY": FOLLOWING SAME MEETING, ROSA COUTINHO CALLED FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS THAT "INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM" WAS ENEMY WHICH THREATENED BOTH ANGOLA AND PORTUGAL, AS IT HAD EARLIER MENACED CHILE AND CUBA. WHAT ANGOLA IS SUFFERING, PORTUGAL COULD EXPERIENCE, HE STATED. "THIS COUNTRY CAN STILL COME TO SUFFER THE ATTACK ON THE AFM AND ON THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION THAT INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM HAS UNLEASHED." COUTINHO ALSO WARNED AGAINST THE "FIFTH COLUMNISTS" WHICH ARE INFILTRATING PORTUGAL AS WELL AS ANGOLA.  
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